

Public Chapter 315

SENATE BILL NO. 1783

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Substituted for: House Bill No. 1731

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AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 21, relative to disabled persons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-21-110(a)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(1) A volunteer appointed under this section shall be a resident of the city, county or metropolitan government in which the volunteer program operates. The volunteer program shall be open to any person twenty-one (21) years of age and older, regardless of such person's disability status; provided, however, preference shall be given to an applicant with a disability.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-21-110(b), is amended by deleting all of the language before the colon and by substituting instead the following:

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any county, municipality or metropolitan government of this state may establish a special enforcement unit for the sole purpose of providing adequate enforcement of § 55-21-108 and local ordinances and resolutions relative to disabled parking, pursuant to the following provisions:

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-21-110(b)(2), is amended by deleting the second sentence and substituting instead the following:

A member of the special enforcement unit shall not be considered to be a law enforcement officer and shall not make an arrest in the course of the member's official duties, but shall wear a distinctive piece of clothing such as a jacket, shirt, vest and/or hat with a law enforcement insignia along with a badge while on duty.

Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-21-110(b)(2), is further amended by deleting the third sentence and substituting instead the following:

The local authority or administrating agency may issue a communication device such as a police radio, citizens band radio, or cellular telephone to each member of the special enforcement unit for use while on duty;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-21-110, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

The provisions of this section shall only apply in a county, municipality or metropolitan government which adopts the provisions of this section by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of such county, municipality or metropolitan government.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997, the public welfare requiring it.